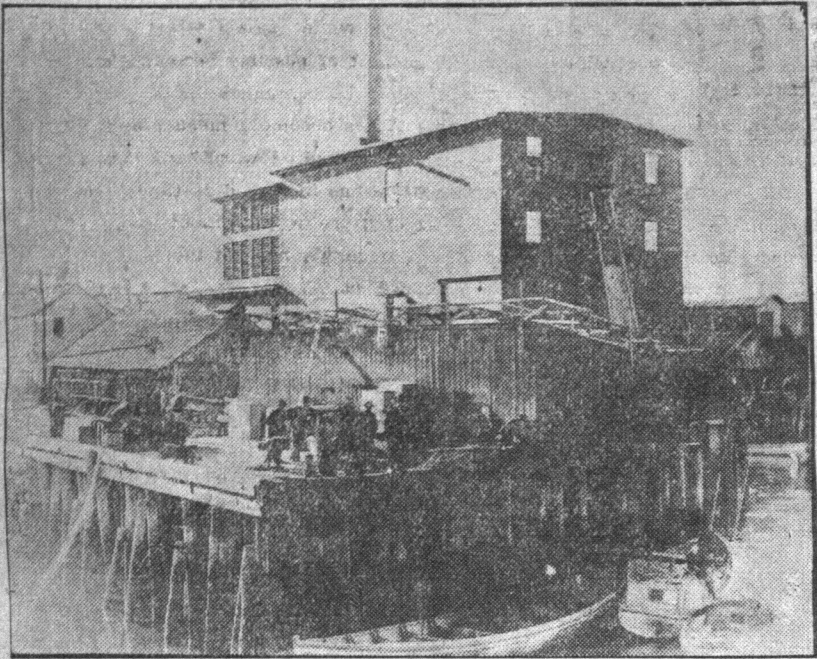


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A NEW COLD STORAGE PLANT.



THE NEW NEWBURYPORT COLD STORAGE PLANT.

Added Convenience for Gloucester Fishermen at Newburyport.

The fishermen of Gloucester will have a new field for bait supply next year when the plant of the Newburyport Fish Cold Storage Company starts up with the supply of bait fish which annually make their appearance in Newburyport harbor and the waters contiguous thereto.

The plant, which has been in process of construction for several weeks is now completed and a few days ago the machinery was turned over and everything was found to be in good condition, a temperature of 20 degrees below zero being attained. The plant was not completed in time to take advantage of this year's run of fish, however, and nothing will be done there until next year.

The Newburyport plant has some local interest, inasmuch as M. J. Paulson of the Gloucester Cold Storage Company was the constructing engineer of the plant and is also interested in the company. There is further interest in the fact that the manager of

the concern is to be Capt. Eldridge of this city, who for some time past has conducted the Consumers Fish Company of Newburyport. The illustration given shows the cold storage plant and in the foreground is the plant of Captain Eldridge, who is now contemplating enlargements to care for his increasing business.

The plants are located on a wharf convenient for the fishermen, the property being purchased by the cold storage company. Fish may be loaded direct from the boats to the refrigeration and at the other end of the building is the line of the City Railroad Company, connecting with the Boston & Maine outside the city, so that shipments may be made easily without trucking.

The plant will open up a large field for the fishermen of Newburyport, who heretofore have had to see the fish come and go without any effort to take them, largely because of a lack of market and storage capacity. It will be an added source of income for the fishermen of that city, and in many ways ought to prove a convenience to the Gloucester fleet when in search of bait.

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MAINE FISHERIES.

Commissioner Recommends Law Changes in Report.

The annual report of James Donahue, commissioner of fisheries of Maine, just published, recommends the passage of a law requiring all persons engaged in the lobster fishery to be licensed.

Among the other recommendations are the following:

Provisions should be made, by leasing or otherwise, to prevent entire depletion of productive clam flats and provide for restocking and propagation of barren flats.

The law against dynamiting should be made as strong and as far-reaching as possible.

The present law prohibiting the netting of codfish at the mouth of the Sheepscot river should be amended so as to prohibit the use of trawls. Under present conditions the use of the trawl defeats the purpose of the anti-netting law.

All the special laws relating to the herring and sardine fisheries should be wiped out. If this cannot be done they should be thoroughly revised so that the existing differences would be eliminated.

The total value of the catch for 1908 was \$3,849,900, including 18,000,000 pounds of lobsters.

FRESH HERRING.

Have Been Received Daily Since Last of August.

Since the latter part of August, when the herring school struck hereabouts, not a day has passed, when it has been so the boats could fish, but what they have brought fresh herring in larger or smaller quantities to this port.

Such an occurrence is very unusual and shows on the face of it that the season thus far has been a remarkably open one. Ice and snow generally drive the herring, and the appearance of the former is supposed to bring the end of the torching season.

December, as a general thing, sees the arrival of none or very few fresh herring, but this season not a good day has gone by without the boats bringing some to the bait wharf.

On Friday and Saturday the torchers landed nearly 100 barrels so it looks like fresh herring the whole year round.

There continues to be a lot of fresh bait, the like never being known at this season of the year. The torchers brought 40 barrels here yesterday and 75 barrels this morning, and one boat, with 35 barrels went up to Boston from here. At Provincetown, squid are taking the jig freely.

TO NOVA SCOTIA.

Sch. Flirt Will Go for Frozen Herring.

A most unusual trip is that on which sch. Flirt of this port sailed Saturday. She is bound for the Nova Scotia coast, where in the vicinity of Shelburne she will secure a cargo of frozen herring.

For some time there have been reports of great herring hauls at Shelburne, N. S., and a few days ago definite word was received here that the herring were still being taken there daily in goodly quantity, that they were as large as Newfoundland herring and furthermore that lots of them were being frozen and that a frozen cargo could be easily and quickly secured there.

Acting on this information the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Co. has fitted out the Flirt and sent her down there.

Going to Nova Scotia for a frozen herring fare is indeed a novelty in the fishing business here and the result of the trip will be watched with interest.

Today's Receipts.

Sch. Arthur D. Story, Georges, 30,000 lbs. salt cod.
Sch. Patriot, Western bank, decl handling, 50,000 lbs. salt cod.
Sch. Thomas A. Cromwell, via Boston, 25,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Boats, 50 bbls. fresh herring.
Sch. Arthur D. Story, Georges, 37,000 lbs. cod.
Sch. Rushlight, Jonesport, Me., 400 qts. cured fish, 2000 boxes smoked herring.
Sch. Mertis H. Perry, shore.
Sch. Mary Edith, shore.

Today's Fish Market.

Round pollock, 55 cts per cwt.; gutted 60 cents.
Salt George cod, large \$4.00, mediums, \$3.00.
Bank halibut 11 cts. per lb for white and 8 cts for gray.
Salt pollock, \$1.50; salt haddock, \$1.50.
Eastern salt shack trip cod, \$3.25 per cwt. for large and \$3 for markets.
Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large \$2.00; mediums, \$1.65; Eastern cod, large, \$1.90; medium \$1.50; cusk, \$1.60 to \$1.65; haddock, 80 cts; hake, 75 cts; pollock, 70 cts.
Eastern deck handline cod, \$4.00 for large and \$3.00 for medium.

Boston.

Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, 4500 haddock 1000 cod, 500 hake.
Sch. Mystery, 70,000 haddock, 8000 cod, 1000 cusk, 1000 pollock.
Haddock, \$2 to \$3 per cwt.; large cod, \$2; market cod, \$1.50.

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SHORE FISHERMEN.

Becoming Discouraged with Small Returns Secured.

The skippers and crews of the market boats are getting discouraged and have about given up all hope of striking fish on the shore this season. They are getting small trips and receiving small prices for them considering that it is winter time.

This morning quite a large fleet of the boats were at Boston, but all that fished on the shore have small unremunerative trips. A few of them, the larger ones, which set on eastern Jefferies and down off Chatham, seemed to strike on haddock and did very well, but \$3 is the top of the market for live ones and cod are worth but \$2 and \$2.50 for new large.

Three of the off shore craft have laid at the wharf since Saturday's closing hour, sch. Manhasset with a small catch, sch. Cynthia, Capt. Geoffrey Thomas, from Western bank, with a dandy fare of 70,000 pounds, nearly all big haddock, caught in quick time, and the steam trawler Spray, which also ran her otter trawl over a good haddock spot somewhere and dragged back 65,000 pounds.

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NEWS FROM THE HERRING FLEET,

Four Vessels to Sail With Cargoes of Frozen Herring.

Two Crafts Also Loaded With Salt Bulk Herring.

News from the herring fleet at Bay of Islands, N. F., for the past week is very scarce and even the usual Saturday night telegrams were missing, so that as far as direct news is concerned, owners here are quite in the lull the past few days. The last reports indicated mild weather in the Arms, but reports from the northward dark as to loadings and sailings dur-

One wire from the island of Anticosti, where the gulf ice pack is sighted about as soon as anywhere, reported Saturday night no ice in sight, but the thermometer was six below zero. From a point at the entrance of the straits of Belle Isle, where the Arctic floe first makes its appearance, the last word was that the straits were again pretty clear of ice, but that the thermometer registered the low mark of 24 below zero.

A solitary dispatch received here

Saturday night indicated that the weather at Bay of Islands was moderate.

The Boston Fish Bureau had a telegram from Birchy Cove Saturday which read:

"The following vessels are loaded and ready to sail first chance, Mariner, Willard, Ralph L. Hall and John R. Bradley with frozen herring and schs. Arcadia and Dauntless with salt bulk herring. Fishing fair and a good frost."

Sch. Mariner is a Nova Scotia craft, or the name may be confounded with the Ellen Maxner, a Lunenburg, N. S., craft, known to be there for frozen herring and supposed to be quite well along on her load. Sch. Willard is thought to be a Newfoundland craft, as the American sch. S. P. Willard of this port is there loading salt herring. Schs. John R. Bradley and Ralph L. Hall are both of this port, as are schs. Arcadia and Dauntless.

The Nova Scotia vessels at Bay of Islands for frozen herring cargoes are schs. Ellen Maxner, Coronation, Junia-ta, Clintonia, Muriel M. Young and Earl V. S.

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LARGE HALIBUT FARE.

Pacific Coast Steamer Landed \$225,000 Pounds at Tacoma.

One of the largest fares of fresh halibut ever landed was that brought into the port of Tacoma, Washington, a few days ago by the steamer Zapora, Capt. Johansen. The craft was from the Cape Scott grounds and had 225,000 pounds of fine fish which were shipped to the eastern market.

Capt. O. A. Johansen brands as false the reports sent from Vancouver, B. C., last week in which it was stated that the steamer had been overhauled by the Canadian fishing cruiser Kestrel for alleged violation of the Canadian regulations and had been fined \$1,600. Capt. Johansen added that he did not sight the Kestrel, the only vessel spoken being the fishing steamer Flamingo.

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SPRUNG BAD LEAK.

But Sch. Cynthia Brought Good Trips of Fish.

Sch. Cynthia, Capt. Geoffrey Thomas, which arrived at this port during last night, developed a bad leak on the homeward passage, and the crew had about all they wanted of working at the pumps to keep her free. The leak first showed last Wednesday night and from that on, it took one pump to keep her free.

Notwithstanding the leak Capt. Thomas finished up his trip and with 70,000 pounds of haddock, well iced, kept off for market. They struck a heavy breeze, but that made no difference to the Cynthia's men; they were bound to market and to market she had to come, leak or no leak.

With three in a watch they ploughed along through it, the watch being able to keep the vessel free all the time. One watch slipped up at the pump and the craft made so much water that the succeeding watch and the one following had to work both pumps to free her.

The craft was hauled out on the railways today, and the leak was discovered under the forefoot and can easily be repaired.

FIRST SHAD OF SEASON.

Arrived at Fulton Market from Carolina Coast Today.

The first shad of the season reached New York today. There were only 25 in the consignment, but they were sold to arrive at high figures, within 10 minutes after it was known they were on the way. The fish were "hucks" from the Carolina coast.

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TIMES FISH

Today's Receipts.

Sch. Slade Gorton, Cape Shore, 55,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Schs. Cynthia, via Boston
Schs. Ida S. Brooks, shore.
Sch. Maud F. Silva, shore.
Sch. Julietta, shore.

Today's Fish Market.

Round pollock, 55 cts per cwt.; gutted 60 cents.
Salt George cod, large \$4.00, mediums, \$3.00.
Bank halibut 11 cts. per lb for white and 8 cts for gray.
Salt pollock, \$1.50; salt haddock, \$1.50.
Eastern salt shack trip cod, \$3.25 per cwt. for large and \$3 for markets.
Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large \$2.00; mediums, \$1.65; Eastern cod, large, \$1.90; medium \$1.50; cusk, \$1.60 to \$1.65; haddock, 80 cts; hake, 75 cts; pollock, 70 cts.
Eastern deck headline cod, \$4.00 for large and \$3.00 for medium.

Boston.

Sch. Washakie, 14,000 haddock, 2500 cod, 4000 pollock.
Sch. Matiana, 6300 haddock, 1800 cod, 2000 hake.
Sch. Dorothy, 4000 haddock, 2000 cod, 500 hake.
Sch. Minerva, 3000 haddock, 2000 cod.
Sch. Athena, 8500 haddock, 1200 cod, 1000 hake, 2000 cusk, 1000 pollock.
Sch. Evelyn L. Thompson, 10,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 1000 cusk.
Sch. Angie B. Watson, 11,000 haddock, 3000 cod, 11,000 hake.
Sch. Mary E. Cooney, 5000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake.
Sch. Carrie F. Roberts, 1500 haddock, 200 cod, 2000 hake.

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Sch. Catherine and Ellen, via Boston.
Sch. Leo, shore.
Sch. Flora J. Sears, shore.
Sch. Edith Silveira, shore.
Sch. Walter P. Goularte, shore.
Sch. Maud F. Silva, shore.
Sch. Ida S. Brooks, shore.
Sch. Mertis H. Perry, shore.
Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, shore.
Sch. Thomas J. Carroll, shore.
Sch. Seaconnet, shore.
Sch. Florida, shore.
Sch. Joseph H. Cromwell, shore.
Sch. Boyd and Leeds, shore.
Sch. Julietta, shore.
Sch. Nellie Dixon, shore.
Sch. Athena, shore.
Boats, 115 bbls, fresh herring.

Vessels Sailed.

Schs. Mary Edith, Athena, Minerva, Rob Roy and James W. Parker.
Sch. Mina Swim, Boston.
Sch. Annie and Jennie, pollocking.

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Eastern deck headline cod, \$4.00 for large and \$3.00 for medium.

Boston.

Sch. Cynthia, 60,000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 1500 halibut.
Sch. Teresa and Alice, 4000 haddock, 1000 cod, 2000 hake.
Sch. Tecumseh, 17,000 cod.
Sch. Flavinalla, 5090 haddock, 2000 cod, 5000 hake, 2000 cusk.
Sch. Olive F. Hutchins, 9000 haddock, 2000 cod, 6000 hake.
Sch. George E. Lane, Jr., 11,000 haddock, 3000 cod, 6000 hake.
Sch. Mina Swim, 4000 haddock, 1000 cod, 3000 hake.
Sch. Junia-ta, 12,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 pollock.
Sch. Hortense, 3000 haddock, 1000 cod, 2000 hake.
Sch. Ethel B. Penney, 5000 haddock, 4000 cod, 1500 hake, 1000 cusk.
Steamer Spray, 64,000 haddock, 1000 cod.
Sch. Manhasset, 15,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 2000 pollock.
Sch. Appomattox, 15,000 pollock.
Sch. Warren M. Goodspeed, 6000 haddock, 2000 cod, 1000 hake.
Haddock, \$1.50 to \$3.00 per cwt.; large cod, \$2.50; market cod, \$2; hake, \$1.25; pollock, \$1.50.
Sch. Sylvia M. Nunan, 8500 haddock, 2000 cod, 2000 hake.
Sch. Cherokee, 1500 cod.

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Sch. Mary T. Fallon, 5000 haddock, 2000 cod, 5000 hake.
Sch. Sylvester, 2000 cod.
Sch. Mary E. Cooney, 7000 haddock, 3000 cod.
Sch. Mattakesett, 18,000 haddock, 3000 cod, 1500 hake.
Sch. Thomas Brundage, 4000 haddock, 4000 cod, 4000 hake.
Sch. Victor and Ethan, 18,000 haddock, 500 cod, 4000 hake.
Sch. Esther Gray, 12,000 cod.
Sch. Little John, 4000 cod.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Schs. Kernwood was at Yarmouth, N. S., Thursday with 8000 pounds of haddock.
Schs. Thomas A. Cromwell and Eben Parsons are on Burnham's railways.
Sch. Marion Turner was at Portland Saturday with 24,000 pounds of fresh fish.
Capt. John Stream will begin tomorrow to fit out sch. Kineo for halibuting.

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CRAFT LEAKING.

Capt. Heckman Made Repairs at Lunenburg, N. S.

Sch. Slade Gorton, Capt. George E. Heckman, before reported sprung aleak on the banks and putting into Halifax to go on the ways, arrived at this port late yesterday afternoon and took out her fare at the Gloucester Fresh Fish Co.

Capt. Heckman reports that the accident happened just after the craft had started for home with 60,000 pounds of fresh fish in the hold. They were about 60 miles off Halifax when the leak was discovered, and it assumed such proportions that Capt. Heckman decided it unwise to proceed, and put into Halifax, intending to go on the ways there. The ship, however was filled and there was no chance so he hustled the schooner to Lunenburg, where she was hauled out and the leak discovered and fixed and the vessel then started for home, arriving all right.

Capt. Heckman gives the marine railway and ship carpenters at Lunenburg the best kind of a name, saying that they know their business and attend to it thoroughly, being moderate in their charges and expeditious.